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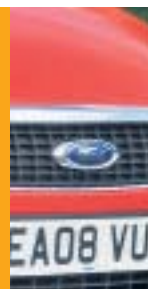
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# TUNNEL SET FOR CHANGE OF OWNERS?

TAXPAYERS could become burdened with the multi-million pound upkeep of the Medway Tunnel within a matter of weeks, it has been revealed.

Rochester Bridge Trust bosses are meeting this month to decide whether or not to transfer ownership of the tunnel to Medway Council.

The charity's chiefs will consider the views of thousands of Medway residents – all of whom had their say on the sale during a period of public consultation.

Labour MP Jonathan Shaw and

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

prospective parliamentary candidate Teresa Murray have led a high-profile campaign opposing the controversial proposal.

But bridge clerk Sue Threader said the deal was in the public's interest.

"As a charity, the Rochester Bridge Trust exists to serve the travelling public," she said.

"We would not consider transferring ownership if we didn't think that it

would help secure well-maintained and appropriately managed crossings across the River Medway for the long term.

"While we technically own the tunnel, Medway Council is, and has always been, contractually responsible for maintaining it under a 999 year lease. To make management of the tunnel less bureaucratic, Medway Council asked us to transfer ownership to them.

"Should this go ahead, we will also give the council £3.64 million to spend on tunnel improvements. Transferring the tunnel to the council means we can

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Picture ADY KERRY

## SWINDON FIRST UP FOR MIGHTY GILLS

The Gills kick-off their League One campaign this Saturday with a home game against bitter rivals Swindon Town.

Having gained promotion in spectacular style last season, the Priestfield Stadium faithful will be hoping Mark Stimson's men can continue their push up the Football League ladder during 2009/2010.

With the club managing to hold on to star players such as super striker Simeon Jackson and defender Simon King, and the squad bolstered by the likes of veteran Kevin Maher, winger Chris Palmer and young striker Jacob Erskine, the Gills will be looking to get off to a winning start in three day's time. Come on you Gills!

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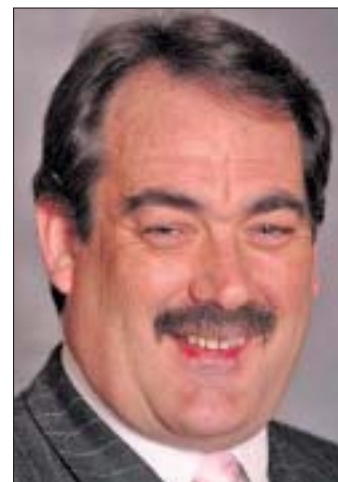
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# Councillor resigns over 'irregular benefit claims'



**BY-ELECTION:** (l-r) Tashi Bhutia (Con), Sam Whittington (Lab) and Gary Allanach (Lib Dem) will contend for the seat left vacant after the resignation of Dennis McFarlane (right)

LABOUR councillor Dennis McFarlane has resigned under a black cloud – sparking a by-election in his Luton and Wayfield ward.

Mr McFarlane announced his resignation on July 14, after it became known he was under investigation for what his party has described as "irregular benefit claims".

A Medway Labour Group statement added that the ex-planning committee member had been suspended from the party.

Mr McFarlane said he had no comment to make at this stage.

A Medway Council spokesman said the former councillor is currently under investigation, but refused to be drawn on which benefit stream is being scrutinised and how much money is under investigation.

The three main political parties have unveiled their candidate for the forthcoming by-election, which will be held on September 3. The candidates'

## ■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

campaign statements are below:

### Conservatives – Tashi Bhutia

The former member of the Brigade of Gurkhas, who has lived in Chatham since being posted to the dockyard in 1980, said: "Combating anti-social behaviour, including drug abuse, binge drinking and the 'yob culture', will be my priority."

"I will work with anyone, regardless of political party, to do what is right."

"Chatham has a proud military history as was demonstrated at the recent Armed Forces Day celebration, and that includes a long standing connection with the Brigade of Gurkhas."

"I am therefore deeply saddened that our Labour MP put his party above his constituency when he chose to vote with Gordon Brown against the pension and residency rights for retired Gurkhas."

### Labour – Sam Whittington

The 34-year-old Save Our Schools campaigner, from Castle Road, Chatham, said: "Here in Luton and Wayfield, thousands of residents have signed the petitions, filled in campaign cards, written letters and completed consultation documents to save Ridge

Meadow, St John's and St Peter's schools.

"These are good schools and all are well loved by the community they serve."

"Schools are not the only issue I have heard on the doorstep, other issues including fears about the future of Capstone Valley, problems with anti-social behaviour, rubbish in the local area and the increasing problems with traffic due to the system changes in central Chatham."

"If elected I will do everything I can to make sure residents' voices are heard on these and other issues."

### Liberal Democrats – Gary Allanach

The 33-year-old, from Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, said: "The biggest problem for the area is that the Tory-run Medway Council fails to respond to the public, who pays for it. It's just not doing what local people want. Council actions like closing schools against parents' wishes, just reinforces the fact that the council has lost its way with public."

"I live locally and I can see what's wrong locally but I can't understand why some of our councillors can't."

## Five years for drugs gang member

A DRUG dealer has been sentenced to five years behind bars for his role in a major cocaine supplying network.

Peter Glisson, 25, of Allington Drive, Strood, was one of four suspects arrested during raids on four properties in December of last year.

Officers found cocaine with a street value of more than £80,000, thousands of pounds in cash, scales, bags and cutting agents.

Glisson was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court with fellow drug dealers Christian Bennett, 20, Phillipa Jackson, 22, and Larisa Wild, 22. The four supplied cocaine throughout Gravesend.

## Lib Dem complains over hotline

A RECORDED message on a Medway Council hotline has been amended following a complaint by a Liberal Democrat councillor.

Diana Smith said she was puzzled after the Customer First message informed her that "all our agents are busy".

She said: "I know Customer First is based at Gun Wharf, Chatham, and not outsourced to a call centre thousands of miles away, which I felt the word 'agent' inferred."

"After complaining I am pleased to announce the message will refer to customer service officers instead of agents, although I think the simple words 'member of staff' would have been even more customer friendly."



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# Plinth artist sends out surprise birthday gift

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**BIRTHDAY** boy David Goggin received a special gift for his 27th – a namecheck from the top of a plinth in Trafalgar Square.

The music licensor, from Chatham, was given the unusual gift by colleague Simon Hutchinson, who was taking part in artist Anthony Gormley's One & Other exhibition.

Simon was hoisted on to the plinth at 9pm last Wednesday – the day before David's birthday. Having set up his portable CD player and tested a bullhorn, Simon set about showing the crowd below a series of pre-written messages scribbled in an A3 notebook.

Among the first was 'Happy Birthday David Goggin Fuzzy Felt' – a reference to David's band's new album, Fuzzo.

David – singer and guitarist with established Medway outfit Brigadier Ambrose – said he was stunned by the dedication.

He said: "I was touched. It's quite cool being part of an Anthony Gormley exhibition, I suppose. Not many other people get the chance so I feel quite privileged in that sense, even if I was only indirectly involved."

"I didn't have a clue that Simon was going to mention my birthday, especially not the vague Brigadier Ambrose reference."

Simon said he first came up with the idea for the surprise birthday present at their London office the day previous.

He said: "I started preparing for my hour on the plinth the night before and we had just had



**NAMECHECK:** David (left) was shocked when friend Simon wished him happy birthday from the Trafalgar Square plinth

the whip round for David's present.

"I had a few references to people to make and seeing as David was going to be in Trafalgar Square it felt like it was a good opportunity for a namecheck. When I revealed the message David seemed to keep a low profile, so I think he was a bit embarrassed."

A total of 2,400 people will each spend an hour on top of the plinth during the three-month exhibition. More than 30,000 people have so far entered a free online lottery for a place.

Simon said he had enjoyed taking part in

the exhibit, saying: "It's not like anything I've done before so it's difficult to compare it to anything else. I really enjoyed it, but it did feel a bit strange. The best bit was arriving on the front of a cherry-picker."

"I like the fact that there is a wide variety of people taking part in the three months; I took over from a man dressed as Henry VIII and the person after me was attempting to build a flat-pack chest of drawers."

For live coverage of the exhibition visit [www.oneandother.co.uk](http://www.oneandother.co.uk).



## Patient awaiting surgery leaves to attend court date

■ BY IAN READ

A MAN accused of driving while banned suddenly remembered he was due in court while he was awaiting a major operation.

Paul Devine, 32, of Prestfield Road, Gillingham, disconnected his drip at Medway Maritime Hospital and headed off the eight miles to Sittingbourne Magistrates Court where he was due to answer driving while disqualified charges – and nobody knew he had gone.

He turned up at the court on Friday with a cannula still attached to his left arm to admit driving a seven-a-half-tonne truck in Iwade without a licence and using a mobile phone while driving.

Ward staff at the hospital only realised he was gone when probation officers contacted them about his health problems.

### Banned

Geoff Playford, defending, said: "They thought he'd gone out for a cigarette. He told me he'd discharged himself to come to court."

"He didn't say anything about an operation. He is due on the operating table in two hours time."

Devine managed to walk from the hospital to Gillingham train station with the medical catheter hanging from his arm.

The court was told Devine drove the truck as a favour for a friend and didn't realise he was banned from driving and so had no insurance.

He used the mobile phone to make a panic call to his mate when he realised police were following him.

The case was adjourned for three weeks so Devine can recover from the effects of his operation.

## Deal would hit taxpayers' by £2 million

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focus on managing and maintaining the old and new bridges at Rochester – at no cost whatsoever to the public – which is why the Trust was established and what it has successfully done for centuries."

Medway's Labour group remained unmoved.

In a joint statement Jonathan Shaw and Teresa Murray said: "We have said this is a bad deal and should not go ahead because it will leave taxpayers shortchanged by more than £2 million."

"This is a bad deal and not in the public interest."

### Maintains

"We have asked the other political parties to join the campaign, but their silence has been deafening. You just need to look at the anger expressed by so many local residents during the period of public consultation."

"This is a bad deal."

"We hope the bridgewardens take note of the objections and listen to the people of Medway."

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## Political parties unite in fight to see phone mast finally removed

**COUNCIL** chiefs will ask Vodafone to remove a phone mast installed less than 100ft away from a Medway primary school, following cross-party opposition to the development.

The powerful 3G mast has been partially installed in Greenfield Road, Gillingham, near St Mary's Roman Catholic School.

Angry parents launched a campaign to have the mast removed. Their fight has been backed by Tory council leaders, Liberal Democrat ward councillors and Labour MPs.

Councillors agreed last week to write to Vodafone and request a meeting to discuss the mast, with a view to having it removed.

Campaigner David Sheedy welcomed the support, saying: "Medway Council has passed a resolution to ask Vodafone to explain their actions, the potential health risks and what it will take to have this mast taken down. This is going to lead to a major David v Goliath battle as a small council takes on a multi-national company."

Conservative councillor Rehman Chishti said: "I congratulate the parents, children and teachers for their tireless campaign against this mast."

"Our four-point plan puts pressure on the Government and the mobile phone companies to take greater consideration of the potential health impact on children and residents when deciding where to place these phone masts, and I hope our MPs will take up this cause by putting forward an early day motion to restrict the locations of masts near schools."

Labour councillor Vince Maple added: "This is clearly an issue which cuts across political parties both here in Medway and in the European Parliament."

"The recent report from the European Parliament raises a number of issues which I believe all councillors would want to look at closely."

"The one thing which is paramount with any developing technology is the safety and well-being of people, particularly in this case young people, here in Medway."

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## Terry's got brains as well as talent

BRITAIN'S Got Talent winner Terry Smith was dancing for joy after picking up his Masters degree.

Terry, who won first prize on the hit ITV talent show with dance group Diversity, flew back from performing in Germany to attend the University of Greenwich graduation ceremony, held at Rochester Cathedral.

The 24-year-old said: "I've made some good friends here. The people are nice and there's everything you need. Having my Masters is great and it gives me something solid to fall back on."

## Advanced driving lessons for free

NEWLY-qualified motorists are being offered an extra driving lesson for free.

Medway Council's safer journeys team is offering more than 100 advanced driver lessons, funded by a £2,750 Highways Agency handout.

The incentive is aimed at giving young drivers who have just passed their test the chance to receive an extra lesson focusing on night or motorway driving, which are not always covered during regular lessons and can prove daunting for new and inexperienced drivers.

## Meeting on move

PATIENTS are being invited to air their views on health and social care issues at a public meeting.

Medway Council health bosses have decided to leave the private surrounds of their Gun Wharf headquarters to hold their next meeting at Rainham Mark social club.

Issues due to be discussed include contingency plans for the winter and the possible impact of mobile telephone masts on health. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 6pm.

## Dragons hit gold

MEDWAY Dragons have become the first rugby league club in the South East to be awarded gold Clubmark status.

The club, which was founded just two years ago and runs seven youth teams, was said to have "become a model of good practice".

Rugby Football League regional development manager Dan Steel said: "Medway Dragons have worked hard to provide the best possible environment for all the young people who want to play rugby league across the towns."

The Dragons are the 18th Medway sports club to achieve Clubmark status.

# Loving tribute to mother and daughter killed on busy road

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE devastated relatives of a mother and daughter who were killed crossing a busy road have paid tribute to their loved ones.

Mother-of-two Elsie Blades, 84, and daughter Marilyn Herlihy, 60, were hit by a Seat Ibiza in Station Road, Strood, at noon on Sunday.

Elsie died instantly. Marilyn was airlifted to hospital but died later of her injuries.

Widow Elsie leaves behind son David, his wife Colleen and their two children, Reece and Aiden. Marilyn was married to Derek and also had two children, Liz, 34, and Gordon, 26.

A police official said the family were extremely close: "The family fondly remember their gran's love of knitting, and Elsie's son David described how, as a child, he often sported one of his mum's knitted jumpers."

"She also knitted baby clothes, which she kindly donated to the Demelza children's hospice."

"Elsie had also been a Brown Owl and an active member of the WI and did voluntary work. The family also remember Elsie as a dab hand in the



TRAGIC LOSS: Elsie Blades (left) with Marilyn Herlihy

kitchen and were particularly fond of her apple pie. David explained how his mum was always there for the family and was happy in her role as a dedicated wife and mother. She was supportive and caring and would always wave the family off from the doorstep after a visit."

The family also issued a tribute to Marilyn. It reads: "Marilyn was a loving wife and devoted mother, and her children describe her as selfless and always keen to put everyone before herself."

"She was a great fan of nature and the outdoor life and the family enjoyed camping holidays

which they went on with Marilyn's best friend, Carol, and her family.

"Marilyn was young at heart and loved life. She enjoyed being with other people and had lots of friends who will remember her fondly."

"Her generous spirit is best demonstrated by the care and love she showed to her family, particularly her mother who she visited regularly and took on weekly shopping trips to Chatham."

"The family will miss both immensely and have described the impact their deaths have had as huge."

"Liz and Gordon explained how hard it is knowing that they will not see their mum or gran again and that neither will be there when they marry and have children of their own."

The family have urged anyone with any information about the accident, however irrelevant they think it may be, to contact the police.

They also sent thanks to everyone who has passed on their condolences, and the emergency services for the support provided. The family has asked for anyone who would like to make a donation to give to the Kent Air Ambulance.

Officers are appealing for anyone who saw the incident or who has information to call 01622 798535 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

## SHANE'S EYES HAVE IT WITH SPECS APPEAL

Retail worker Shane Baldwin has his sights set on a modelling contract after being named as a regional finalist in the Spectacle Wearer of the Year contest.

The 21-year-old, from Chatham, is one of 12 hopefuls set to battle it out for the South East title at Tottenham Court Road in London on Thursday, August 20.

Shane, pictured right, said he was delighted to be in the frame for the Specsavers competition, saying: "I am thrilled to be going to the regional final. When I entered at my local store in Chatham, I really didn't think I would get through."

"It would be great to represent Chatham at the final. I've been wearing my glasses for a year and I am very happy and confident in them."

If successful, Shane could find himself strutting down the catwalk at the glitzy, star-studded grand final at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London on October 27.

At the international awards contestants will be judged by a panel of industry experts, including Channel 4's Gok Wan.

The winner will scoop a year-long modelling contract with Premier Model Management and an all-inclusive holiday for two in St. Lucia or Barbados, including £250 spending money.



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**FAT LOT OF GOOD:** Jennifer Thompson's pooch Scooby tipped the scales at more than 16kg (inset), but lost four inches from her waist, above, after being put on the PDSA Pet Fit Club by the PetAid hospital in Gillingham

# Don't kill animals with kindness, pet lovers urged

PET owners are being urged to sign up their portly pooches, rotund rabbits and curvaceous cats for a strict 100-day diet.

Vets at the PDSA PetAid hospital in Gillingham have launched their annual appeal to find the most overweight pets in Medway in an effort to help them slim down.

The owners of the ten most overweight animals from across the UK will then be enrolled into the PDSA Pet Fit Club – a four-month diet and fitness programme overseen by vets and nurses.

The club was set up after it emerged that one in three dogs is overweight. In a survey of owners it was found the most common treats given to dogs were leftovers, fatty meats, cheese, chips, biscuits and hot dogs.

The survey also suggests about 500,000 of our four-legged friends aren't getting daily walkies. Poor diet combined with lack of exercise accounts for the majority of our pets' bulging bodies.

Senior vet Elaine Pendelbury said: "Over the years I have seen a steady increase in the number of cats, rabbits and even small furies that are overweight, as well as dogs.

"Thousands of pets across the UK are hav-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ing their quality of life, and ultimately their life expectancy, cut short by obesity.

"Vets spend a lot of time talking about the pet obesity epidemic, but with Pet Fit Club we are offering selected owners a real opportunity to make a difference to their pet's life."

Last year Jennifer Thompson, 61, of Gillingham, enrolled her pet Scooby in the club. The 13-year-old mutt tipped the scales at more than 16.3kg – which made her a massive 81 per cent overweight.

Scooby lost four inches from her waist after chicken curry, Thai food, fish and chips, pizzas, Sunday lunches and ice cream were cut from her diet. Speaking before the diet, Jennifer said: "Scooby adores her food. She can smell a dropped chip miles away and will sniff it out within seconds."

To sign up to this year's club, visit [www.pdsa.org.uk/petfitclub](http://www.pdsa.org.uk/petfitclub). The closing date for entries is Friday, August 14.

The overall winner will receive a four-night pet-friendly stay at Woodland Cottages, Devon. For more details on the PDSA Pet Fit Club, visit [www.pdsa.org.uk/petfitclub](http://www.pdsa.org.uk/petfitclub) or call 01952 204748.

## yourmedway NEWS IN BRIEF

### Campaign gathers steam

A PRESSURE group is calling on council chiefs to scrap plans to demolish a historic riverside building.

Save Britain's Heritage said the former Aveling and Porter steam roller factory, which overlooks the River Medway from Strood waterfront, was "stonkingly well-built" and a "much-loved local landmark".

Group secretary William Palin said: "To lose one of the relatively few buildings of architectural merit in Strood would be a tragic waste.

"This is a finely detailed and stonkingly well-built commercial headquarters, in excellent condition and ripe for sympathetic conversion. Its destruction would be viewed by future generations with anger and disbelief."

A campaign to save the 1860s building has been led by the City of Rochester Society.

A petition demanding a study of potential new uses for the A&P building has been handed to councillors.

### Centre's picture of health

PATIENTS have given the Will Adams Treatment Centre a glowing health report.

The latest patient feedback survey shows the Gillingham centre scored highly in many categories.

These include overall performance, how patients are treated, cleanliness and the performance of staff.

Manager Jane Higgins said: "We are pleased patients rated us so highly. Our staff are committed to caring for patients and we will continue to make sure treatment is of an excellent standard."

### Thanks a million, children

CHILDREN are being invited to nominate which play areas need a cash injection.

Medway Council has £1 million to invest in play areas during the next two years.

The Government cash will be used to develop a minimum of 22 sites. Youngsters are being given the chance to pick 11 play areas for development, with a budget of £550,000.

Community services chief Howard Doe said: "We want to ensure play areas meet children's requirements, which is why we are asking them to get involved."

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## Tardis stands guard over police history

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Among the items on display are truncheons, photofits, handcuffs and uniforms.

One of the museum's most popular exhibits takes pride of place outside the main building – a blue police telephone box, known affectionately as the Tardis.

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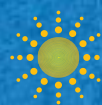
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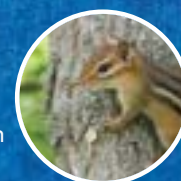
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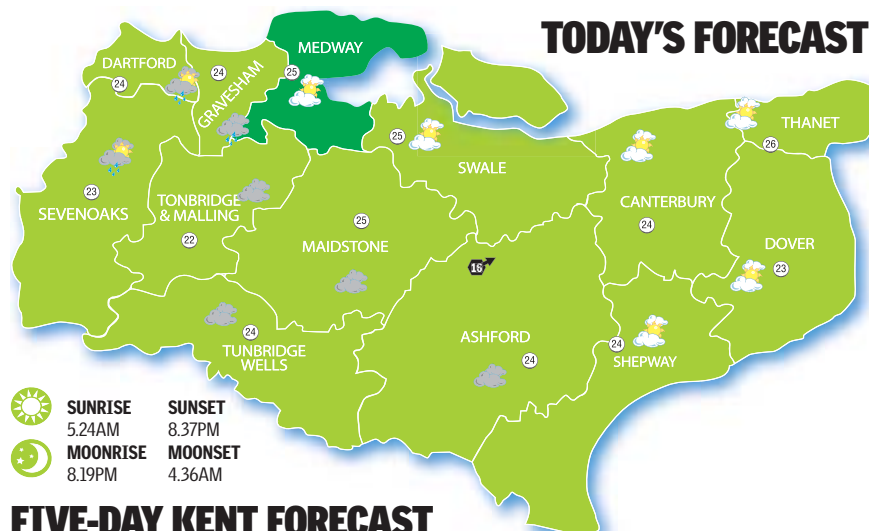
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Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	28°C
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## Enjoy all the fun of the fair without breaking the bank

A TRAVELLING funfair has pitched up in Gillingham, offering thrill-seekers a host of white-knuckle rides.

The big-money attractions set up at The Strand include The Predator, a giant spider-type ride, and Project One, which takes riders 100 feet up and then through 360 degrees.

These are joined by traditional family favourites such as the dodgems and the waltzer as well as many children's rides.

Funfair bosses have introduced recession-busting prices, with a three-hour ticket costing £6.99 any time before 6pm.

A Twilite pass – from 6pm to 9pm – costs just £4.99.

Worldwide Travelling Theme Park Experience boss Monty Hammond said: "I thought it was high time someone took a stand against the negative mood and depression from the effects of recession and gloomy news that has hung over the country.

"We are proud of the value we are offering and we hope that people from Gillingham and across Medway will respond and that they enjoy the experience."

The funfair is open until Monday, August 31, from noon to 9pm daily.

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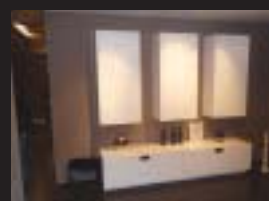
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HELEN EVANS



**Q** Can you tell us a little about yourself?

**A** I'm 21 and was born in Maidstone. I went to Maidstone Girls' Grammar and am now studying English at Loughborough University.

**Q** You're back home for the summer break. What made you decide to volunteer with Macmillan Cancer Support?

**A** I've done a lot of fundraising in the past so have always been interested in the charity sector. With more than two million people living with cancer, it's something which affects everyone's lives so I am proud to help Macmillan, which provides invaluable support to so many.

Macmillan's internship offers experience in areas such as PR, marketing and events management, which is invaluable in a competitive job market.

**Q** Did the recession influence your decision to volunteer rather than look for paid work?

**A** Definitely. Before the recession I had some fanciful idea that I would easily find a paid placement over the summer; gaining work experience while paying off debts.

It soon became clear it wasn't going to be quite so straightforward and this forced me to question what my priorities were. I chose the unpaid internship, but in a role I feel is giving me REAL work experience, I like to consider it as a long-term investment.

**Q** What role have you taken on with Macmillan?

**A** It's my job to project-manage Macmillan's flagship event the World's Biggest Coffee Morning within Kent. I have to publicise the event throughout the county, encourage as much of Kent to get involved as I can and ensure Macmillan raises as much money as possible, even if that involves dressing up as a giant coffee mug.

So far the role has taken me to some interesting places including a barbecue at Dungeness power station. One of my main objectives is to inform people just how much Macmillan does on a local level and the service it provide other than the famous nurses.

For example, last year Macmillan provided more than £230,000 of grants in Kent alone, to help with things such as travel expenses to and from hospital, or more unusual items such as a fishing rod and wedding dress.

**Q** Why is the World's Biggest Coffee Morning so important?

**A** It is now in its 19th year and is Macmillan's biggest national event, raising £7.5 million in 2008. This year the theme for coffee mornings is 'feel good' and, despite the economic climate, we are aiming even higher and hope to raise £230,000 in Kent. Macmillan is about 80 per cent of the way to reaching the £1 million it needs to raise for the new Macmillan Cancer Unit at Medway Maritime Hospital.

**Q** How can people and companies get involved?

**A** It couldn't be simpler – which is the beauty of the coffee mornings. Just call the hotline on 0845 602 1246 or register online at [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) and we'll send an information pack with everything you could possibly want to host your own event.

All you need to supply is a cup, a kettle, preferably some cake and it also helps if you have one or two friends, but imaginary ones will do as long as they make a donation.

**Q** What do you hope to do after completing your studies?

**A** Career-wise, I'm not sure yet. Events management has always been something I've been interested in, but I also really enjoy writing, so perhaps journalism. I can put off decision making for a bit longer as I intend to go travelling once I finish my degree.

**Q** Tell us something not many people know about you?

**A** I'm scared of pigeons. It's a long story that involves Trafalgar Square.

**Q** Anything you'd like to add?

**A** My aim is to make the World's Biggest Coffee Morning a key date in everyone's diary and I'd love Kent to be the leading light in supporting the event.

Q&A

The fundraising intern for Macmillan Cancer Support in Kent spoke to **Jon Coates** about working as a volunteer and her mission to make the World's Biggest Coffee Morning a key date in all our readers' diaries.

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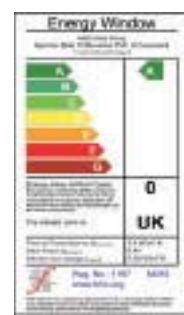
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# Michelle loses brave 18-year cancer battle

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A MOTHER-of-one has died after an 18-year battle with skin cancer.

Michelle Borrett, 38, from Walderslade, died on Monday last week. She leaves behind husband Gary and eight-year-old daughter Grace.

A touching statement released by the family reads: "Michelle was wife and best friend to Gary, mother to Grace, daughter of Bob and Margaret, sister of Nicky and James, sister-in-law to Paul and Nic, auntie to Arne and Jake, daughter-in-law to Barbara and Roy, and friend, adviser and confidant to all who knew and loved her.

"She was one of the kindest, most selfless, helpful and just plain lovely people you could ever wish to know."

Michelle was first diagnosed with malignant melanoma at the age of 21 after doctors told her a small mole on her lower back was cancerous. Surgeons removed the mole and regular check-ups showed no sign of the cancer having spread. Michelle married bank colleague Gary in 1999 and gave birth to daughter Grace two years later.

Just before Grace's fourth birthday in 2005, the young mum found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned. Once again, Michelle underwent painful surgery to have the lump removed. Three years later a routine scan identified abnormal cells in her lung.

Surgeons removed the cells but the cancer spread once again, reaching her brain in June this year. Michelle's family said it was her wish to raise awareness of the dangers of the sun and malignant melanoma, and handed this paper a moving article written by



**FAMILY TRIBUTE:** "Just plain lovely" - Michelle Borrett, with daughter Grace and husband Gary

Michelle in 2006. In it she revealed how devastated she was to hear the cancer had returned.

She wrote: "I was so shocked. I'd come to the hospital on my own. I went round to mum's. 'What am I going to do about Grace,' I wept. 'I just want to be here for my little girl!'

"Mum held me tightly and burst into tears too. We just clung to each other."

She goes on to urge others to protect themselves against the sun.

Michelle wrote: "I just want people to learn from reading my story that the sun is a dangerous thing. When the sun comes out, people in this country go mad for it and sit out for as

long as they can. But people need to cover up and wear sunscreen - or else it could happen to them. Thirteen years after I had my mole removed, it came back to haunt me. I dismissed it as 'just a mole.' Don't anyone else do the same. It's a matter of life or death."

• Last week we reported how two friends were planning to do the Leeds Castle 10k run for Cancer Research UK to support Michelle after her cancer returned for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott now intend to complete the run in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone, on Sunday, September 27, as a tribute to her.

Visit [www.run10ksponsorme.org/adamdudley](http://www.run10ksponsorme.org/adamdudley) to sponsor them.

## Plastic cups to combat threat of glass and bottle attacks

A CRACKDOWN on glass and bottle attacks could lead to more pubs serving drinks in plastic cups.

Between May 1 and July 9, there were 50 such attacks in Kent, accounting for 41 per cent of offences that fall under the violent knife crime category.

Kent Police are in discussions with the industry to see how it can reduce the number of glass attacks, with plastic cups and bottles an obvious solution.

Chief Inspector Lee Russell said: "We would encourage the use of plastic cups within pubs and clubs, even though we accept that the vast majority of people go out to enjoy themselves and not to smash a glass or bottle over someone's head.

"There have been conversations about this for a long time and it usually comes down to cost."

He said that while plastic cups may prove unpopular at first, he was confident people would soon get used to them: "It's a cultural issue that many people prefer drinks in glasses."

"But many will already be familiar with plastic containers that are used at music events, for example."

The issue of glass attacks was brought up during a presentation by Ch Insp Russell at a Kent Police Authority meeting.

But Phil Thorley, operations director of the Broadstairs-based Thorley Taverns chain, said that while plastic containers were suitable on occasions such as outdoor events, they were not necessary inside the majority of premises.

He said: "Pubs are generally very safe places to enjoy alcohol and if they are well-managed and well-run, there is little need to replace glasses with plastic containers."

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# Maidstone makes it in to Grand National mix

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

HE WAS once dubbed “the worst racehorse in history” – now a steed named after our county town has made a little history after becoming the youngest to qualify for the world’s most famous steeplechase, the Grand National.

And given his name, bookies are bracing themselves for a rush of wagers on the horse if he eventually lines up in the showcase steeplechase at Aintree.

Four-year-old Maidstone Mixture clinched the chance to line-up before a global TV audience of millions with a win in a recent qualifying event. In doing so he achieved the blend of height, weight, ratings and race wins required.

However, don’t start planning that flutter just yet. His well-known owners don’t intend to enter him for the race for another few years.

Maidstone Mixture is owned by millionaires Fergus and Judith Wilson – the former teachers who shot to fame after leaving the classroom to dabble in property. Their wheeling and dealing has made them one of the nation’s wealthiest couples, with a portfolio of hundreds of homes across the county.

They’ve already entered runners into the Grand National in the past, but this one is particularly special to them.

After a poor performance in the Derby last year the stallion was referred to as the “worst racehorse in history” by racing pundits.

Mr Wilson, who owns around 30 horses in total, told our sister paper Kent on Saturday: “Most horses that race in the Grand National



**RIISING STAR:** Maidstone Mixture is the youngest ever qualifier to achieve a place in the Grand National

are about nine years old, so it is quite an achievement to already meet the minimum qualification.

“When he ran in the Derby, someone said he was the worst race horse ever, but I think he meant in the race that day.

“But clearly, he was not the worst, as he has won a couple of races.”

He said the horse’s popularity has shot up in the last few months.

“The people of Maidstone all have a stake in his name,” he said.

Earlier this year, one of Mr Wilson’s horses, Cerium, was given odds of 500-1 before running in the Grand National. He eventually finished fifth. Winning the big race has long been a dream of Mr Wilson’s, but he remains grounded about Maidstone Mixture’s chances.

“I have to be realistic, he is not the best horse in the world, but far from the worst,” he said.



**HAPPY:** The day before his death Henry Surtees had been celebrating a podium finish in his race

## Friends and family say goodbye to tragic racer Henry

THE tragically short and thrilling life of Formula Two racer Henry Surtees was celebrated in a moving church service on Thursday.

Family and friends recalled the huge smile, hugs and affection of the 18-year-old from Edenbridge who died in a freak accident while competing in the Formula Two Championship at Brands Hatch two weeks ago. He was struck on the head by a wheel from another car while travelling at 120mph.

Among more than 400 mourners were Formula One legend Nigel Mansell, Williams team co-founder Patrick Head and Lewis Hamilton’s father Anthony.

Mr Surtees had been tipped as one of motorsport’s brightest talents. He was the son of John Surtees – the only man to have won world titles on both two and four wheels.

The service took place at Worth Abbey near Crawley – close to the school where he so recently completed his A-Levels.

The congregation listened in tearful silence as Henry’s sisters Edwina and Leonora did readings and other family members recalled his achievements as a motoring star of the future.

The end of the service saw his remains leave for a private burial with his team helmet placed on top of the coffin.

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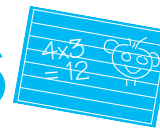


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### Drawn to recycling



ROYLE VISIT: Pupil Verity Cox with the Mayor

THEIR artwork may be rubbish, but its helped creative pupils at Rainham School for Girls win a range of prizes.

Pupils from years seven, eight and the sixth form used old newspapers, plastic bags, bottles and card to create clothes, solar-powered vehicle and a wind turbine.

Their work was part of Recycle Now Week and Mayor of Medway Cllr David Royle visited the school to judge their creations and present awards.

Sixth formers Verity Cox and Eloise Hyatt-Green won an eight-week drawing course at the University for the Creative Arts in Rochester.

Katie Ford and Melissa Coombs' wind turbine, and a solar-powered car made by Victoria French and Harriet Hills won prizes of shopping vouchers, a teddy bear and a bag of goodies.

Medway's waste officer Matt Feelings, who helped organise the competition, said: "This project shows we can reuse and recycle in a creative way, instead of resorting to landfill."

Teacher Marc Brims said: "This is a fantastic way to promote recycling in school and at home, and we can link it into the national curriculum."

# There's martyr come after Ofsted praise, vows head

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE headteacher of a top Medway primary has vowed to push the school onwards and upwards after receiving a 'good' rating from Ofsted inspectors.

English Martyrs' Roman Catholic Primary School head Maureen Pearson said she was pleased with the level two grading and determined to make the jump to level one – 'outstanding'.

She said: "We are pleased with the report. The inspectors were impressed with the children's positive views of the school; it is their opinions of themselves and the school that matter most to us. We will continue to work hard to move the school forward."

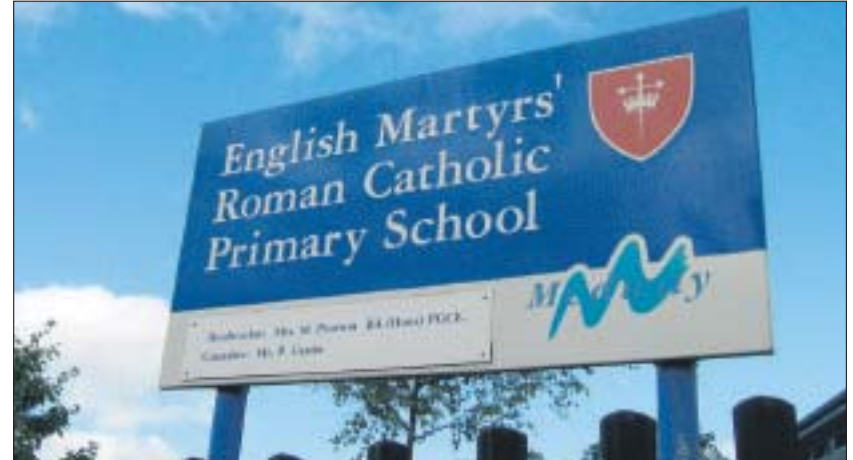
Ofsted's Joan Greenfield said the Strood primary was moving in the right direction.

She wrote: "English Martyrs' is a good school. It has made good progress since its last inspection. Standards have risen year on year in science, and marking is more consistent and gives pupils clearer guidance on what they need to do to improve their work."

"In addition, subject leaders and governors are playing a stronger part in checking how well the school is doing."

"The school's positive ethos and the effective care, guidance and support pupils receive contribute well to their good personal development and well-being. Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is strong."

"Teaching and learning are good. Teachers



BLUE SKY THINKING: The positive ethos and effective guidance at English Martyrs' was highlighted by inspectors

provide pupils with a good range of interesting activities to keep them motivated and to meet their needs. Relationships between pupils and staff are positive.

"The school's improvement plan is comprehensive and the priorities identified in it are the right ones."

"Senior leaders and subject leaders have a good understanding of where the school is at through their regular monitoring arrangements."

Although pupils post better results in English than in mathematics and science, the school was seen to have implemented strategies which have resulted in considerable

improvement in both subjects. Medway Council's children's services director Rose Collinson said: "The head and her team should be very proud of this report."

"Ofsted highlights just how much children enjoy going to English Martyrs'. It is a school that champions and looks out for children, enabling them to learn and progress, and act confidently and responsibly. Congratulations to everyone at the school."

To further improve, the school needs to establish a system to maintain a clearer overview of how well pupils make progress.

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## Greedy council cashes in as blue badge holders face cost

Medway Council parking services has scant regard for the disabled.

I am incensed at the attitude of Medway Council to the parking needs of local disabled drivers as it seems it is far more concerned with immoral revenues than in serving the physically handicapped.

My father is disabled, lives in his own house which, unfortunately, happens to be near Medway Hospital, and has his own car. When he became disabled and applied for, and received, a "blue badge", he was obliged to pay the council to paint a disabled bay outside his house. Although this was just a few blobs of white paint and he offered to get a friend to do it for him, the council insisted that its staff would have to perform the task, for which there was a charge of £70. Worse still, even though he had to pay this disproportionate sum, the bay was not reserved for him and is frequently used by disabled visitors to a nearby shop. So, effectively, he has had to pay a

ridiculous sum for a bay he often cannot use.

Sadly, my father recently suffered a stroke which has impaired his vision, reflexes and mental acuity, although it is hoped he will, eventually, make a full recovery. Because of this, my father has had the good sense to realise that driving in his present condition would cause a danger to himself and other road-users, so my sister and I take him shopping, to medical appointments and so on, and therein lies the problem. It is he who is disabled so, quite rightly, when he goes somewhere in someone else's car, he can use his blue badge so the driver can park in disabled bays or on yellow lines to allow him to be near enough to his destination to be able to walk there. The problem is that, while he is using his blue badge, the council has threatened to issue a parking ticket on his car if it is parked in the disabled bay outside his house, or even if he moves it anywhere nearby as he does not have a resident's permit.

If my father did not care about the safety of

others and continued to drive himself around, he would have no problem, but having the sense not to drive at the moment means he has to pay Medway Council for a parking permit or face a penalty notice. The Government has decided my father does not have to pay road tax, yet this jumped-up local council insists he pay them for the misfortune of living near a hospital which it has allowed to grow way beyond the capabilities of the nearby roads to deal with the ensuing traffic!

Disabled drivers be aware – the national Government may support you but Medway Council wants its 15 quid, even though it's the council's crazy decision to allow the hospital to grow to its current size in the middle of a residential area that caused the parking problem in the first place.

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## TALK TIME

### KIM COOK

The genealogist talks about her family history firm, Orchard Research, and why people are so fascinated out about their family's past



#### How did you first get into studying family history?

I've always been interested in people, their likes and dislikes, background and foibles, but my own family were an unsentimental lot, who never spoke about the past.

I was about 12 when, in London, I noticed a parade of shops with my mother's family name above the doors, and was amazed when she said the shops had belonged to my grandfather. No-one had ever mentioned this before. Intrigued, I set out to find out more about him, asking everyone who had known him lots of questions, it just took off from there.

#### Why do you think people have the desire to dig into their family's past?

It probably reflects the changes in society. Social mobility, leading to the break-up of the extended family, and the insecurities of war and recession, have all led to people feeling increasingly adrift. Knowing where your ancestors came from gives a sense of security and belonging.

#### What information do you need to have to find out about your family history?

What is needed is access to primary (ie original) sources relating to the area your ancestors came from. If you have Kentish ancestors, there's a wealth of information in the County Record Offices at Maidstone and Strood and in libraries. However, where the original records have not been filmed, you still need to travel to the area you're researching, or get a professional to do the research for you. Orchard also offers this professional service.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Tunnelling into the issue of expense

As a past senior warden of Rochester Bridge Trust I have been following your publications regarding the transfer of the Medway Tunnel to Medway Council.

I am of the opinion that the articles have been rather one-sided. The Medway Tunnel is the most important development there has been in Medway for quite a considerable time, without which the economy of the town would have stagnated. The traffic would be gridlocked daily.

As a result of the RBT's financial contribution towards the construction of the tunnel we the people of Medway have a great deal to thank the Trust for.

The tunnel is by far the greatest part of Medway's highways infrastructure and as such it should form part of the main highway infrastructure, as do the vast majority of tunnels in the country. It should not be a burden on Medway taxpayers.

The local MPs have been trying to make cheap political capital by criticising the RBT. They would be better employed by lobbying the Labour Government to have



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the tunnel integrated into the main highways infrastructure. They should be taking our case to the Government of which they are part.

Councillor Tom Mason,  
by letter

### It's criminal that we don't get change

So Medway Council is at it again, ripping off the motorist.



Your story just shows that their parking policy is no more than extorting money from the motorist.

The reasons they give for not installing parking machines that give change are feeble. Using health and safety and that the machines are vandalised is no real reason. The machines are vandalised whether they give change or not.

If they can't come up with a good sound reason as to why they can't install machines that give change then they should just install them.

It's just like the excuses they gave when VAT was reduced and they didn't pass on the saving to the motorist. It is not always possible for people to carry the right change, so change giving machines should be installed.

If I went into a shop to buy something and the shopkeeper refused me change I could go to the Medway fair trading department and complain. So why does the fair trading department not look into this matter of the parking machines?

Another thing, I always thought the law was supposed to prevent any wrongdoings and not wait for someone to do wrong and then fine them, so why don't their parking wardens and those

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hateful CCTV spy car personnel when seeing someone parking illegally, warn them first before giving them a fine?

Peter Nassan,  
Chatham, by letter

## Will the tourists be arrested next?

Pictures of the famous and infamous are regularly taken and published.

Why then should the police be so sensitive if they are doing nothing wrong? Is this the new Medway that any member of the public, whether visitor or local, can be accosted by unidentified council employees, arrested, cautioned and detained for taking photographs of buildings? More 'Black shirts'?

Name and address supplied.

## Will the Government ever listen to us?

How refreshing to read what a lot of us are saying. But why is it that the Government doesn't listen?

Our national health is being stretched to capacity, green spaces being built on to accommodate the extra influx, our police force



trying desperately to do their job with all the extra people. Where will it all end?

I worry my children and grandchildren will pay the consequences of our Government's actions now and in the future. I can only hope this doesn't fall on deaf ears.

George Harrison,  
by email

## There's just no more room at the inn

The crux of the matter is, thanks to our Government's complete failure to police our borders, we do not know how many folk have come into this country, who they are, where they are, and moreover what they are doing.

I wouldn't be at all surprised if Mr Bin Laden and the entire regiment of Afghan irregulars lived in Dymchurch. The UK is the most populated part of the EEC, ie we are full to bursting. With the best will in the world there has to be a point where the line will have to be drawn – or will there be standing room only? Pass right down the car please!

George Barton, comment posted on  
[www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk)

## If you don't like our ways then go away

Completely to the point, the author has clearly demonstrated the concerns most of us in the UK now have, it is becoming more and more difficult to find a job and live a British life the way we want to in our own country.

I enjoy our country for all it has to offer and extend this to people around the world to enjoy and savour our beliefs, our traditions, our country. It is their choice to live in the UK, not ours! If they do not like the way the British people speak and act then please accept our greatest gift, the right to leave!

Well done to the blogger, very well written, a pleasure to read.

Chris, comment posted on  
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# Starry-eyed Julie returns

Legendary folk icon is still going aged 70

## JULIE FELIX

Saturday, August 8  
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



CALIFORNIAN singer-songwriter Julie Felix became a folk icon when she arrived in Britain in the 60s.

She became the first solo folk artist to be signed by a major British record label and was truly taken to the heart of her adopted nation.

At the age of 71, she has enjoyed a career that spans five decades and still commands a loyal following.

This weekend she visits Kent to showcase the songs that have made her such a successful artist.

Felix arrived in Britain in 1964, having hitchhiked through Europe with her guitar. Before long she had made history by signing with influential record label Decca and later became the first British-based folk singer to perform at the Royal Albert Hall.

## Colour

As resident singer on The Frost Report, she impressed television bosses enough to land her own BBC series, the Corporation's first to be broadcast in colour.

Her admiration for the work of Bob Dylan became apparent very early in her career, with a cover of When The Ship Comes In featuring on her second album.

She followed this with another record, Julie Felix Sings Bob Dylan & Woody Guthrie, and would release another album of his tracks in 2002, called Starry Eyed and Laughing.

During the 70s she had more success while signed to legendary producer Mickie Most's RAK label. But the 80s would see Felix taking a break from the music industry for a few years and returning to her native California.

Several years later, she returned to music after witnessing the injustices suffered by the indigenous people of Central America and felt inspired to write and sing again.

Although she spends most of her time in Britain, she also has a home in California.

But touring has always been a big



**THE SHIP COMES IN:** Popular singer Julie Felix will be performing in Ramsgate

part of her life and she still enjoys the magic that comes with performing live on stage in front of appreciative audiences.

In June last year she celebrated her 70th birthday with a sell-out gig at

Gateshead's Sage Theatre and her subsequent tour of Ireland also sold out every venue.

The performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10/£9. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.

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## HENRY VIII'S ANNIVERSARY

Running until Sunday, September 6  
Rochester Cathedral and Castle

ONE of history's most charismatic figures provides the inspiration for a month of free events in Rochester.

This year sees the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's ascension to the throne and visitors can enjoy a number of Tudor-themed events this summer.

Until September 6, visitors can see an exhibition called The Tudors: Terrible or Terrific? Discover the Tudors relationship to Rochester and its cathedral, including the stories of local martyrs, Bishops Fisher and Ridley.

Nonsuch Historical Dance Company will bring history to life with a demonstration of Tudor dancing in the Cathedral Nave between 1pm and 4pm on Tuesday and there will even be a chance for visitors to join in.

Brass rubbing and heraldry workshops will be held on Sunday, September 6, and the regular Cathedral evensong will close with Tudor music and worship throughout the celebrations. Visitors can even get a taste of the period with Tudor-inspired dishes in the Cathedral Tea Rooms. For more information visit [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk).



## MEDWAY LEISURE

### Join in with safari fun during free RSPB event

FAMILIES can enjoy free wildlife activities during the annual Safari Day at RSPB Cliffe Pools, near Rochester.

The Mayor of Medway and the leader of Medway Council will officially open the new car park today, while visitors can learn more about life on the reserve.

The event runs from 11am to 5pm. More information can be found at [www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents](http://www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents).

### Family films will keep your little ones busy

CHILDREN can enjoy a summer of entertainment on the big screen at the Central Theatre in Chatham.

Until Thursday, animated film Coraline (PG) is on, then from Friday to Thursday, August 30, except Sundays, the film will be Ice Age 3 – Dawn of the Dinosaurs (U), at noon and 2.30pm. Tickets cost £4/£3.25, call 01634 338338 or see [www.medway.gov.uk/events](http://www.medway.gov.uk/events).

### Trio to give a powerful performance at tavern

FOR an evening of live R'n'B, head to the Eagle Tavern in Rochester this week. The Geoff Everett Band is a 'power trio' which plays maximum R'n'B at its very best. They can be seen performing at the pub in High Street on Thursday, starting at 9pm.

For more information about the venue visit the website at [www.theeagle.tavern.org.uk](http://www.theeagle.tavern.org.uk).

### Mod band to entertain you at the Lower Bell

HEAR the soul of mod with a modern twist when the Sawdust Caesars play. The band has built up a strong reputation for its power-punk mod beats, see [www.myspace.com/sawdustcaesars](http://www.myspace.com/sawdustcaesars).

Sawdust Caesars will be playing at the Lower Bell in Chatham Road, Aylesford, at 8.30pm on Saturday. For more about the venue call 01634 861127 or visit [www.lowerbell.com](http://www.lowerbell.com).

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## FINAL CURTAIN AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

Wednesday,  
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The Command House, Chatham

A BEAUTIFUL venue hosts its final performance in a new film, Final Curtain at the Theatre Royal.

The film by Dave Wise shows the theatre's last concert, which featured painting, poetry and music by

Billy Childish, Lupen Crook and Oliver Burgess.

The film not only shows the performances, but also explores issues around Medway Council's approach to the theatre.

"We made the film a few days before the final destruction of the Theatre Royal," Wise said. "We wanted to show how beautiful the inside of the building was and how much of a disgrace it was that it wasn't being saved. So Billy, Lupen and

Oliver performed their songs and poems all over the interior – downstairs and up – highlighting the stunning plasterwork and tiles, which have now all been lost."

The entertainment starts at 8pm and tickets cost £3. Following the premiere, Final Curtain at the Theatre Royal can be viewed at [www.hakimslater.com](http://www.hakimslater.com) and [www.davewise.biz](http://www.davewise.biz).

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Picture: ROBERT WORMAN

## THE LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE

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Last of the Summer Wine: The Moonbather is a brand new play written and adapted by the TV comedy's creator, Roy Clarke. Based on

the world's longest running sitcom, this new feel-good show features all the favourite characters and a rip-roaring storyline to keep the laughs coming.

Ruth Madoc leads a cast that includes Tony Adams of Crossroads fame and former Brookside actor Steven Pinder. Audiences will be whisked away to the idyll of the Yorkshire dales with a fantastic set, featuring a real river, and the warm

comedy of the much-loved programme.

The peace of Holmfirth is threatened when a mystery man in very little clothing is found wandering the village. Mayhem, misunderstandings and wheelbarrow-related larks ensue as Foggy, Compo and Clegg attempt to save the day.

Tickets are from £14.50, concessions available. Book at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk) or call 01322 220000.

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Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, and subsequently has an affair with her friend's son.

# Denzel's weighty role is not what doctor ordered

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

**ACTOR** Denzel Washington has managed to stay under the radar for more than a year.

Since the release of *American Gangster* and *The Great Debaters* in 2007, the Oscar-winning star has enjoyed a rare period of peace away from the glare of publicity.

"Between films I just get on with my normal life," says the 54-year-old, proudly.

Washington, who has been married to wife Pauletta for 25 years and has four grown-up children, is clear on how he has achieved what many celebrities can only dream of – managing to live his personal life in private and not splashed all over the tabloids.

"My life is kind of regular, private and normal," he admits, with an unapologetic shrug.

The sole reason for doing this interview is to promote his new nail-biting thriller, *The Taking Of Pelham 123*.

In the remake of the 1974 movie, he plays Walter Garber, a New York City subway dispatcher who gets caught in the middle of hostage negotiations during a subway hijacking.

"After playing Frank Lucas in *American Gangster*, I wasn't looking to play a big-time drug dealer next and that was my only criteria for this one," he explains.

The respected actor-director is almost unrecognisable because he had to pile on the pounds to play Walter, an opportunity he made the most of.

"I had been heading that way and so I went with it and kept going," Washington revealed.

"You just don't exercise, eat late, have that burger, fries, shake and dessert, and you can get there really easy!"

He adds: "I embraced it and really liked that



**WEIGHT LIMIT:** Washington had to pile on the pounds

aspect of this character that made him human and normal, struggling with the same things we all struggle with."

The extra weight – combined with a recent operation – posed a few problems for the actor, especially during the running scenes.

"I had just had knee surgery and it was heavily wrapped and the last thing the doctor said was, 'Don't do any running,'" he recalls.

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"When you see me run, that is 18 or 19 takes of me running really hard so that was challenging because then your ego is involved and you are thinking, 'I can't be out here huffing and puffing and looking bad', even though I'm overweight and had surgery."

Washington, who was raised in New York but now lives in Los Angeles, admits he enjoyed returning to his home town for the shoot.

"I've done a lot of movies in New York and to me, it was like home," he reminisces.

The *Taking Of Pelham 123* teams Washington with John Travolta for their first on-screen adventure together.

"I didn't know him, but I'd met him before. It was an interesting relationship and interesting the way it developed, the way it did in the film."

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# yourmedwaymusic

## The Ambience are ready to make an even bigger noise

BY SIMON ROBINSON

IF there was a musical Ronseal Award for 'doing exactly what they say on the tin' it would most definitely go to The Ambience.

The Medway-based five-piece describe their sound as "ambient, indie, shoegaze". It stands to reason.

If only other bands and artists followed suit. The Kaiser Chiefs would be known as All Our Songs Sound the Same, McFly would be re-named Busted Part Two and James Blunt... well, we'll leave that one there.

But I digress. The Ambience will be playing at The Beacon Court Tavern, Gillingham, on Saturday. Support on the night comes from Let Our Enemies Beware.

The Ambience's guitarist Matt Ashdown said fans can expect to hear a number of new tracks, including forthcoming single Starrs.

He said: "You can expect a bigger sound from The Ambience as, musically, our new stuff has delved further into shoegaze and post-rock territory.

"Lots of noises and extra reverb pedals – for ear melting purposes. We're trying to bridge the gap between our accessible sound and our 'wall of sound' dabbling, which is why we're wanting to play gigs with bands like Let Our Enemies Beware – so that people can maybe hear us with a different mindset.

"Let Our Enemies Beware are a band I've put on myself several times now and I love what they do."

The Canterbury Street venue has filled its August gig diary, with Feed the Rhino, Maker



**UPFRONT:** The Ambience (above) will be supported by Let Our Enemies Beware (right) at Beacon Court Tavern

and The Kids Unique all set to headline in the coming weeks.

Beacon Court bosses have also booked Snakebite – a Whitesnake tribute band – to perform. For more information visit [www.beaconcourttavern.co.uk](http://www.beaconcourttavern.co.uk).

### BEACON COURT LINE-UP

**Saturday August 8** – The Ambience, Sparrows, Let Our Enemies Beware, £3

**Saturday 15** – Feed the Rhino plus guests, £4

**Friday 21** – Maker plus support, £4

**Saturday 22** – Snakebite, Whitesnake tribute, £5

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### Irene in line to become UK's top savvy shopper

A KENT woman has reached the final of Nectar's search for the UK's Savviest Shopper.

Irene Hall, from Hawkinge, submitted her top tip which was to never throw anything away. Her tips include drying orange peel in the oven and crushing it to use in her cookery.

Irene faces competition from ten other finalists to win the title. Readers can vote for her and find other tips online at [www.nectar.com/savvysshopper](http://www.nectar.com/savvysshopper).

### Young bookworms can go to cinema for free

CHILDREN can enjoy a free cinema admission at Bluewater if they read a book first.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

**DICKINSON'S REAL DEAL**  
ITV1, 2pm, weekdays  
**TOP GEAR**  
BBC Two

WE are being swamped with shows about antiques.

Bargain Hunt, Cash in the Attic, Flog It... the list goes on.

I didn't know there were enough people in Britain with an interest in pointless old stuff to justify the deluge, but then maybe there are just too many people with too much time on their hands.

Having left Bargain Hunt, the show which made him famous, David Dickinson has returned to the fold to front his own show.

He stopped Hunt-ing to move on to bigger and better things but it cannot have taken off as he'd hoped.

It's a bit like when a star of EastEnders leaves to "take Hollywood by storm" only to make no impact and return to our screens three years later looking sheepish and embarrassed in trash like Hotel Babylon.

It sticks to the well-worn formula and The Duke is clearly in his element, acting it up, looking as tanned as ever and sporting the kind of bouffant hair that should require some kind of licence.

But you have to ask the question: does anyone really care if Bob and Margaret, from Poole, try and make a £10 profit on some old bit of toot picked up at the local bore-fest?

This is the TV equivalent of junk mail, pointless and uninteresting.

It's quite a well-known fact that The Duke spent three years in prison for fraud as a young man, but he never served time at Her Majesty's pleasure for crimes against television. He should have done, he would



**REAL DEAL:** David Dickinson's back on our TVs have received a life sentence.

I am not a huge car person, but have always watched and enjoyed Top Gear. The reason it became so popular was because it did something with cars that no-one else was doing and revelled in doing the outrageous.

However, the formula is so tried and tested, after umpteen series, that it all feels a little by the numbers now, and, for me, a lot of the fun has been drained out of it.

The races and challenges have started to get predictable, and that was a key element of the show.

It's still pulling in huge viewing figures, but the series ended on Sunday and I kind of hope they manage to come up with a few new ideas for the next one to keep things fresh.

Also, it's hard to take tips on what is cool and uncool from men dressed as badly, and with such bad haircuts, as Messrs Clarkson, Hammond and May.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**OVERINDULGING** in food and drink is taking a toll on your health. It's hard to find the energy for things you need to do when your system is overtaxed. Stay away from friends who encourage bad habits. Don't be surprised if several would be wooers come out of the woodwork.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**SOMEBODY'S** false compliments are giving you a skewed picture of reality. Be more sceptical of overblown praise. This week could see you reach a career milestone, resulting in a bigger pay cheque. You've been blessed with lots of artistic talent. Put it to use now, while you have a chance.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**IT** may be wise to put some distance between you and a solicitous colleague. They are pretending to be your friend because they want something. This is a good time to negotiate a raise, or at least some better work assignment, as you're more productive than your colleagues.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**SOMEBODY** may try to push you into an arrangement that goes against your conscience. You need to stand firm against temptation. It's possible they will even try to use their seductive charms if they have any. Stay close to supportive friends. They'll keep you grounded.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**PEER** pressure could be stopping you doing something you love. Don't be so self-conscious about doing what you want to do. Who cares what others think? A close friend gives you an added dose of courage. Stick close to them when it comes to pursuing a cherished dream.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
**RESIST** the urge to indulge in retail therapy. Spending money on luxuries could plunge you into debt. You need to think about your long-term security. Putting down firm roots is a good idea. Don't be surprised if your boss widens your territory or asks you to live overseas.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**FRIENDS** are worried that you are losing your heart to someone who doesn't deserve it. Resist the urge to turn away when they express concern. You need to be more assertive with the object of your affection. If you suffer from jealousy you need to build up your self-esteem.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**SOMEONE** could try to trick you out of your hard-earned cash. Stand up for yourself. It would be a tragedy if you jeopardised your financial security. If you're looking for work, this would be a good time to go on interviews. Good news could arrive by the end of the week.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**YOU'RE** having an internal conflict between work and pleasure. Part of you wants nothing more than to stay home with your loved ones. The other half yearns to be a success in your chosen career. Strike a balance. This is your big chance to tell a friend how much they mean to you.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**THE** temptation to use your sex appeal to manipulate others is overwhelming. You know how much a person admires you. Pretending to share their feelings will be a cruel deception. You're better off appealing to their rational side. That way, nobody can accuse you of being underhanded.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**JUST** because you look great to the world doesn't mean all is well. Your flawless image is hiding some serious inner turmoil. You need to come to terms with feelings of anger, pain, and frustration. However, that doesn't mean abandoning a loved one or trading one lifestyle for another.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**IF** a romantic relationship is going to survive you need to be a little more kind and considerate. Lately, you've been focused on your own needs. This has caused you to snub the object of your affection. Take this opportunity to do something nice on their behalf.  
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## CRYPTIC CLUES

### ACROSS

- 1 Odd collection of Biblical characters (3-3)  
4 Queen isn't commonly fanciful (6)  
10 Face irate eccentric in eatery (9)  
11 Became motionless when water became ice (5)  
12 Symbolic maths (7)  
13 Considered even if before time (7)  
14 Choosing the best fruit? (6-7)  
16 With little warning by ad! (2,5,6)  
21 Eggs returned to rotter who had nothing more than a pear (7)  
22 One flying in from Granada via Torremolinos (7)  
24 Picture fashionable clique (5)  
25 Forthright ditch worker (9)  
26 Being cunning in a vulpine way (6)  
27 At college my clue was cracked (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Sailor gave most of beer to the beast (6)  
2 Obscure expeditionary force leaders in unstable ground (5)  
3 Commander to be right for a month (7)  
5 Remove clothing from the cloth (7)  
6 Artificial origin can materialise (9)  
7 Score five boundaries (6)  
8 Big place on Isle of Wight or in Norfolk (5,8)  
9 Beast damaging mat in cable-car! (8,5)  
15 Beat a shot in cricket (3,3,3)  
17 Become cheerful near the disaster (7)  
18 Nervous idiot going over churchyard (7)  
19 Seaman provided female with price list (6)  
20 Promote movement not round for the time being (3,3)  
23 In Sumatra Denis to do business (5)

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## QUICK CLUES

### ACROSS

- 1 Opinion (6)  
4 Frequent fliers (3,3)  
10 Contrariwise (4,5)  
11 Trio (5)  
12 Spiced herring (7)  
13 Kind son (anag.) (3-4)  
14 Flash of light (13)  
16 Actually (2,5,2,4)  
21 Avoiding contact with others (7)  
22 Canal footway (7)  
24 Two pints (5)  
25 Food (9)  
26 Lure (6)  
27 Fanatic (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Braved (anag.) (6)  
2 Talkative (5)  
3 Primitive person (7)  
5 Having died out (7)  
6 Delete (6,3)  
7 With it (6)  
8 Writing a letter (8,1,4)  
9 Informal name for Mississippi (8,5)  
15 Russian astronaut (9)  
17 Inhabitant of largest continent (7)  
18 Not a tall building (3-4)  
19 Person from NE Spain (6)  
20 Isle in NE Kent (6)  
23 Gazelle (5)

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## CRYPTIC SOLUTION No98

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## QUICK SOLUTION No99

Basque 20 Thane 23 Ariel. Cosmonaut 17 Asiatic 18 Low-rise 19 Dropping a line 9 Magnolia State 15 Cavenham 5 Extinct 6 Strike off 7 Trendy. Entice 27 Zealot. DOWN: 1 Adverb 2 Vocal 22 Towpath 24 Quart 25 Nutrition 26 Scintillation 16 As large as life 21 Asocial 11 Three 12 Rollup 13 Non-skid 14. ACROSS: 1 Advice 4 Jet set 10 Vice versa

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# Cash in on natural wonderland

■ BY WESLEY JOHNSON

WHILE Iceland sucked in cash from hapless UK savers before its banks crashed it has also welcomed Britons surprised how cheap it is to visit there.

Setting out from the capital of Reykjavik, less than a three-hour flight from the UK, I found that the city soon gives way to moss-covered lava fields, snow-capped mountains and ever-changing glaciers, interspersed with geothermal pools, geysers and powerful waterfalls.

Our driver Ragnar, who runs tours in a customised superjeep, avoided the overcrowded tourist trails while taking in Iceland's Golden Circle, a trio of the south coast's highlights.

The island's precarious position on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and European tectonic plates meet, accounts for the almost entirely volcanic origin of its rocks. With the plates still moving, Iceland grows at about half an inch per year. The landscape, however, is unbelievably barren.

Volcanic eruptions occur once every three to five years, but many are concealed by the island's ice caps, which cover roughly 12 per cent of the country.

As the land underfoot constantly changes, Iceland hosts a series of spouting hot springs heated deep underground, which erupt through fissures in the ground.

At Strokkur (meaning 'churn'), one of the most popular sites, jets of hot water shoot 100 feet into the air every few minutes, drenching unsuspecting tourists, before being swallowed into the ground beneath once more.

Just ten minutes of standing in rain and biting wind – waiting for that elusive perfect photograph of the geyser – left my frozen face.



**SIT BACK AND RELAX:** Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon is a geothermal spa fed by the water output of a nearby power plant

Waterproofs and warm clothes are a must, even in spring with temperatures about four degrees Celsius.

Summertime in Iceland brings endless daylight and lush green panoramas broken only by the many colourful wild flowers. While the warmth nurtures nature back to vibrant life, the local calendar bulges with a myriad of events and activities.

Geographically only slightly smaller than England, Iceland has a population of around 300,000 – about the same as Coventry.

While its unspoiled landscape provides a chance to escape from it all, your weekend will have its surreal moments.

Sitting in a hot tub, looking out on Mt Hekla – one of Europe's highest volcanoes – I saw the weather change from sunshine to snow to hail to rain and back again within 40 minutes or so.

The hot tub in question was outside the Hotel Ranga, a countryside resort that welcomes its guests with a ten-foot polar bear in the foyer and a gourmet restaurant serving smoked puffin, among other local delicacies.

The south coast offers the prospect of some thrilling off-road driving. When we stepped from our superjeep to see a glacier melting and retreating before us, no other soul was around.

But for tranquillity and relaxation, you can't beat the famous Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa fed by the water output of a nearby power plant. Its water stays at about 30-40C, is rich in silica and is known for its positive effects on the skin.

While I remain unconvinced that I will look young forever despite slapping all that white goo on my face, the waterfall offers an invigorating massage, taking you back to nature in a stunning setting amid craggy black lava.

## FACT FILE: ICELAND

Time difference	None
Capital	Reykjavik
Language	Icelandic
Population	300,000
Currency	£1 equals 206 Icelandic Krona
Religion	Lutheran
Climate	Subpolar Oceanic

## Travel facts

Wesley Johnson was a guest of Iceland Express, which flies daily from Gatwick to Reykjavik from £69 single, including taxes. Reservations: 0870 240 5600 and [www.icelandexpress.com](http://www.icelandexpress.com).

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Council tax hike feared for homes with a view

HOMEOWNERS with properties having sea views or outlooks over rivers could end up paying more council tax, according to a national newspaper.

A story in the Daily Telegraph says the country's 22 million homes are being valued for council tax purposes on a range of factors including views, proximity to parks or the peacefulness of the street on which they are located.

The newspaper claims at least 100,000 homes have already been identified for higher taxes on the basis of their views and the information is being used to 'code' each property, which is expected to be used to set council tax after the next election.

The story says there are growing fears that Labour will increase council tax for millions of middle-class homeowners if the party is re-elected.

Every property in England is currently placed into one of eight council tax bands, depending on its value.

These valuations are based on property prices of the early 1990s, long before the property market boom.

Council tax bills for each band are then set by individual local authorities.

A revaluation was due to be conducted in 2007, but was postponed until after the next election. The Government has consistently denied conducting a national council tax revaluation.

The Valuation Agency, which rates properties for council tax, said it was important to maintain an accurate database.

### Fall in average time it takes to sell a property

HOUSE prices were unchanged in July for the third month running, housing market analyst Hometrack said, suggesting the slump in the property sector may finally have come to an end.

Hometrack's monthly survey has reported zero per cent changes to house prices in May, June and July, but the analyst said it had seen some positive signs of an up-turn over the past four weeks.

The number of new buyers registering with estate agents rose by 2.8 per cent last month, Hometrack said, while the average time on the market for a property before selling fell to nine weeks, from 9.4 weeks in June.

Just three per cent of postcodes nationwide saw a decline in average prices, it added, while the typical buyer is now achieving a sale price of 91.5 per cent of their asking price.



# Conflicting reports over state of housing market

BY NICK AMES

GOOD housing news has emerged in recent days following the release of the latest figures for the property market.

Property website Rightmove has reported a 0.6 per cent rise in asking prices in July, taking the average vendor's stated amount to £227,864.

The property portal suggests that given June's slight fall of 0.4 per cent, the UK housing market could remain in a 'steady state' during the second half of 2009.

However, experts are warning people not to get too carried away as they have introduced cautionary notes to a recent upsurge in values – while some forecasts say the market will not be fully stable for three years.

According to Rightmove, the best time to pick up a bargain may have passed already, with a 'price undershoot' at the end of 2008, that appears to have rectified itself this spring.

The firm's commercial director Miles Shippside said: "There is now clear evidence that there were some fire sale prices last winter, when a few brave buyers correctly called the bottom of the market."

Furthermore, buyer activity on Rightmove's website has not seen the normal June and July tail-off, with the number of pages viewed remaining at 97 per cent of its spring high, compared to 79 per cent during the same period of last year.

July has also seen the number of new sellers at its highest so far this year, at 21,364.

While the figure is still well below the historic norm of around 35,000, it represents a 20 per cent increase on the same period of 2008.



WHAT'S THE TRUTH? Leading property website Rightmove claims the housing market will remain 'steady' for 2009

However, Mr Shippside added: "Many properties sold so far this year have been empty and therefore their sellers have lower price expectations."

"This new batch of more discretionary sellers will be under less financial pressure to negotiate, but must accept that their buyer will be looking to do a deal as much as they are."

But other predictions are not so optimistic.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is predicting that the UK housing market will only return to growth in 2012.

The forecast, from Britain's oldest independent economic research body, says that recent reports of 'green shoots' are purely down to a lack of properties for sale and will be short-lived.

With mortgage approvals for house buyers having plummeted 40 per cent on a year ago and showing a 65 per cent decline on pre-credit crisis days, the institute dismisses talk of house price stabilisation and recovery.

It states it will be three years before the market returns to a buoyant level.

## Developer targeting those looking to rent

A PROPERTY developer is offering homes to buy at a cost of around £82 per week.

Hillreed Homes is targeting those looking at committing to a six or 12-month rental agreement by offering brand new apartments in Maidstone available for £331 per calendar month.

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"First-time buyers often do not realise that owning their own home and getting on the property ladder is not as daunting as they think," said Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager.

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Ms Richards added: "Renting is a no-win situation for a tenant."

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Panda population hits the 1.5 million mark

FIAT'S Panda economy car has passed the 1.5 million production mark.

It still has a long way to go and will probably never beat the VW Beetle – 21-plus million were produced without major changes from 1938 to 2003 – because Fiat will surely develop an all-new version to stay competitive in today's fast-changing market. Nevertheless, it's impressive for a car launched just six years ago.

The former European Car of the Year has also supplied the underpinnings of the current cult car, the Fiat 500.



### Peugeot attacking all fronts with crossover

PEUGEOT says its new 3008 crossover will be available from November starting at £15,995.

Clearly inspired by the Nissan Qashqai, the versatile newcomer is expected to rival many cars that offer elements of its high-riding SUV cum MPV style, such as the VW Golf Plus, Citroën C4 Picasso, VW Tiguan and Ford Focus C-Max.

It will be pitched as "a conventional car for daily use, the family car for weekends and holidays and the adventurous vehicle for those with an active life style".



### Audi launches practical yet stylish new number

AUDI is effectively launching an A4 hatchback, but billing it as a five-door version of the closely related A5 coupé.

Furthermore, it will enjoy a sexier label than 'hatchback' when it arrives in October priced from £25,440 – Audi has applied the 'Sportback' suffix already used to glamorise the five-door A3.

Industry watchers are now arguing whether it will attract new sales for Audi or simply cannibalise existing sales of the A4 saloon or its Avant estate sister – its boot capacity almost equals the latter.



**COMEBACK TRAIL:** Ford will be hoping that its new green machine the Mondeo ECOnetic will claw back some of sales it has lost in a sector which, until fairly recently, it dominated

# Greener Mondeo aims to claw back its sector

MARKET shorthand for the classic family car cum company motor continues to be 'Mondeo sector'.

It underlines Ford's decades of domination in that particular arena, but upmarket upstarts like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4 carved lumps off in recent years and Vauxhall's svelte new Insignia has outsold it so far this year.

Perhaps Ford's latest Mondeo model will stop the march of these rivals though, especially as it is also one of the greenest in the sector.

It is the new six-speed 2.0-litre, 115PS (113bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic offering a potential average of 54mpg and claimed 64mpg for motorway cruising, CO2 emissions of just 139g/km translating into Band E (£120/year) road tax and low benefit-in-kind taxation for company car user choosers.

Priced from £20,795 it is sold in five-door hatch or estate form, both versions featuring familiar 'eco' aids including low-rolling resistance tyres, optimum gear change indicator and better aerodynamics, a rear spoiler and sports suspension to lower the car.

And while the ECOnetic is intended to be miserly on fuel, there is no sign inside that it

## ROAD TEST FORD MONDEO

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

is an austerity model. Add-ons include dual-zone automatic temperature control, Bluetooth connectivity with voice control for the phone and sound system, cruise control, seven airbags and heated front windscreen.

The new engine option supplements the existing 1.8-litre, 125PS (123bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic, but feels a lot smoother and should help Ford boost its eco-friendly sub-brand this year – more Mondeo customers bought an ECOnetic in the first five months of 2009, than throughout 2008.

The well-spaced six-speed change feels slick and underpins the Mondeo driving experience.

Handling is slightly compromised by harder compound tyres, but the ECOnetic comes with ESP (electronic stability control) and emergency brake assist for extra sure-footedness.

There is also the 'standard-fit' space and versatility of the Mondeo cabin, but Vauxhall has its own green rival – the Insignia ecoFLEX – and both are shadowed by the BMW 3-Series, which comes with a fuel-saving, emissions-cutting EfficientDynamics eco package as standard, is coveted by company car users and also pleases fleet managers and lease companies with its low depreciation.



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03 03 NISSAN MICRA 1-0 S AUTO PAS SDR BLUE 14000 MILES.....	£4995
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08 58 SKODA ROOMSTER 2 AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 6000 MILES.....	£10495
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### VALUE SUPERMINIS

SUPERMINIS are the 'go to' sector for new and used car buyers as the recession forces us all to review our motoring budget. Are there any bargains to be had though, and values continue to rise? Well, there is not much in it, but here are three cars that might fit the bill, being reasonably priced and reliable too – you don't want to save money on a purchase only to have the gains wiped out by more expensive maintenance. They all do their job as small, but roomy all-rounders too.

#### SKODA FABIA



BADGE snobs have had Skoda jibes stuffed down their throats as the Czech brand continues to score in customer satisfaction surveys – its cars are cheap to repair too. The sweet handling Fabia comes only in five-door hatch and ugly estate formats, but there is plenty of other choice on engine and trim – there is even an impressive diesel vRS hot hatch version. The VW-derived diesels are economy kings, but do not ignore the cheaper to buy petrol models.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### HYUNDAI GETZ



REPLACED earlier this year by the i20, the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European market, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact – should not be hard either, though reliability is not a worry.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the current Micra has blown that myth apart (pictured). This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style to be space-efficient and you don't need a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra still turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with stylish trim in the dearer versions. There are even some performance models.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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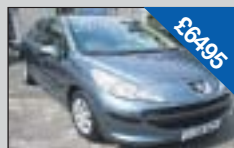
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2007	07	New Corsa Sxi	14	3	Flame red	30,750	£7,695	2006	56	Ford Fiesta Zetec Climate	1.2	5	Metallic blue	26,350	£6,495
2008	08	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	5,770	£8,895	DUE SOON							
2008	58	New Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	4,200	£9,995	2007	07	Corsa Design Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	22,700	£8,495
2008	58	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	4,380	£9,495	2007	57	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Air blue	15,300	£7,795
2008	08	Corsa Design	1.4	3	Star silver	4,350	£8,995	2007	57	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Air blue	24,000	£8,395
2008	58	New Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	3	Metro blue	6,100	£9,995	2004	04	Astra LS Auto	1.6	5	Star silver	32,500	£3,695
2008	58	Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Ultra blue	9,495	£9,995	2009	09	Zafira Sxi XP CDTi	1.9D	5	Star silver	TBA	£18,995
2008	58	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	7,750	£9,695	2009	09	Insignia Elite CDTi Auto (160)	1.9D	4	Black sapphire	TBA	£22,995
ASTRA								2009	09	Insignia Sports Tourer Exclusiv (160)	1.9D	5	Panacotta	TBA	£17,995
2006	06	Astra Design Estate	1.6	5	Pannacotta	34,950	£6,995	2009	09	Insignia Sports Tourer Exclusiv (180)	1.9D	5	Silver lightening	TBA	£17,995
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2006	56	Astra Elite CDTi	1.9	5	Ultra blue	37,950	£8,995	2009	09	Tigra Exclusive	1.4	2	Antigua	TBA	£13,995
2006	56	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Star silver	39,340	£7,495	2006	56	Meriva Life A/c CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	26,000	£7,995
2006	06	Astra Club E/T	1.6	5	Star silver	41,120	£6,695	COMPANY OWNED VEHICLES - CARS							
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2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	£8,995	2008	58	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Black sapphire	TBA	£9,245
2008	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Black sapphire	13,250	£9,995	2009	09	Corsa Sxi CDTi A/C	1.3	3	Black sapphire	TBA	£10,495
2008	08	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	15,890	£9,695	2009	09	Corsa Sxi CDTi A/c	1.3	3	Flame red	TBA	£10,495
2008	08	Astra Breeze Sports hatch	1.4	3	Star silver	2,110	£8,995	2009	09	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Black sapphire	TBA	£10,495
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2008	58	Agila Design	1.2	5	Moroccan blue	TBA	£8,995	2009	09	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Metro blue	TBA	£12,995
2008	58	Agila Club A/c CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	6,450	£9,995	2009	09	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Ultra blue	TBA	£10,995
MERIVA								2009	09	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Metro blue	TBA	£10,995
2008	58	Meriva CDTi Breeze Plus	1.3	5	Black sapphire	10,930	£10,995	2009	09	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	TBA	£10,995
2008	58	Meriva Life	1.4	5	Air blue	3,720	£8,995	2009	09	Astra Breeze Plus	1.6	5	Metro blue	TBA	£10,345
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2008	58	Zafira Breeze CDTi Plus	1.9D	5	Metro blue	12,600	£12,995	2009	09	Zafira Exclusiv CDTi	1.9D	5	Sovereign silver	TBA	£13,995
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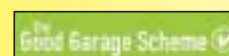
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**FIESTA**, 1.6 Ghia Automatic, 2006, moon dust silver, 10000 miles, £7995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, 'New Shape' 1.25 Zetec, 2009, vision, 1500 miles, £11795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia, 2003, metropolis blue, 51800 miles, £4795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 'New Shape' 1.4TDCI Zetec, 2009, vision, 3000 miles, £12495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style + 3dr [82], n58fkt, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, adjustable seats, alloy wheels, central locking, insurance group:4, black, 11031 miles, £11490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8TDCI Zetec Climate, 2007, moon dust silver, 13137 miles, £9975, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 LX, 2006, aquarius, 22000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8TDCI LX, 2006, jeans, 25000 miles, £8295, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 Titanium, 2008, ocean blue, 6000 miles, £12995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.0 TDCi Zetec S 3dr\*\*\*\*SPORT PACK BLUETOOTH\*\*\*, e9j59fn, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control, black, 8500 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 Edge 3dr\*\*\*\*LOW MILEAGE\*\*\*\*\*, gd04wgw,adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloys, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights,immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering,

remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, sports seats, 1 year warranty and roadside assistance, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, metallic paintwork, insurance group:6, grey, 34341 miles, £4995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8TDCI Zetec Climate, 2007, moon dust silver, 13137 miles, £9795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 LX, 2006, aquarius, 22000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8TDCI LX, 2006, jeans, 25000 miles, £8295, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 Titanium, 2008, ocean blue, 6000 miles, £12995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, LX 1.8 TDCI 115 PS, 2007, blue metallic with charcoal, 50000 miles, £5995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**FOCUS** C-Max, 2006, tango red, 32000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FUSION**, 1.6 TDCI Zetec Climate, 2006, jeans, 33000 miles, £7795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FUSION**, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, moon dust silver, 16000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FUSION**, Plus 1.4, 2006, tonic, 28000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**KA**, 1.3i Style [70] 3dr [Climate], gk07wja, metallicdeep navy. abs, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, insurance group:3, please call les belchambers for further details 017443737, blue, 5100 miles, £5495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**KA**, 'New Shape' Zetec 1.3 TDCI, 2009, disco, 2000 miles, £8995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**MONDEO**, 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, gn08kx, multichanger, 15903 miles, £15000, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**STREETKA**, 1.6 ICE Roadster, 2006, metallic ice silver with black leather, 28000 miles, £6495, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Connect T200 75ps 1.8Tcdi, 2007, white with grey, 37000 miles, £4995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, 2.5 MINIBUS WITH HYDROLIC RAMP, 1996, white, 100122 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Medium Roof Van TdI 110ps\*\*\*AIR CON\*\*\*BLUETOOTH\*\*\*, en08ebd, 30 miles, £15000, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van L Tdii, g09smc, panel van, cd player, remote locking, finance available, full dealer facilities, pc, swb, white, 50 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van TDCi 125ps, b07evm, panel van, 1 year warranty and roadside assistance, day cab, finance available, full dealer facilities, ply lined, swb, white, 45600 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, 280 SWB Low Roof Van \*\*\*SWB\*\*\*, na55eb0, panel van, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp-leasing, ply lined, swb, warranty, white, 19036 miles, £6495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van TdI 140ps\*\*\*SPORT VAN\*\*\*NO MILES\*\*\*, re09jgx, panel van, silver stripes, sport van, alloy wheels, cd player, electric mirrors, electric windows, heated drivers seat, remote locking, finance available, full dealer facilities. black, 1 miles, £15495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van TdI 85ps\*\*\*\*NO VAT\*\*\*SWB\*\*\*\*, hv06jvt, panel van, remote locking, full dealer facilities, hp-leasing, pc, white, 39142 miles, £5995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, D/Cab Tipper TdI 90ps (DRW), n055qzp, tipper, finance available, full dealer facilities, tow bar, white, 16100 miles, £8990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van L TdI\*\*\*\*AIR CON\*\*\*BLUETOOTH\*\*\*, aj09oq, panel van, air conditioning, bluetooth, electric mirrors, finance available, full dealer facilities, silver, 876 miles, £3995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, Ex/F Luton TdI 115ps (DRW), na55uzd, lutan van, full dealer facilities, lift lift, white, 66000 miles, £8795, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

LAMBORGHINI

**DIABLO**, 1998, purple metallic with cream leather, 57000 miles, £59950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

MAZDA

**BT-50**, Ranger Single Cab only 3500 miles, l08yng, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp-leasing, warranty, warrantied mileage, silver, 3468 miles, £7499, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

MERCEDES BENZ

**CL, 500**, 2000, silver metallic with grey full leather, 84700 miles, £7950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CL**, 500 auto coupe, 2002, silver metallic with dark grey leather, 93000 miles, £10950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CLK**, 320 avantgarde auto convertible, 2005, silver metallic with black leather, 88000 miles, £12950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**E-CLASS**, E320cdi avantgarde auto 2004, silver metallic with black leather, 58000 miles, £12950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**E-CLASS**, E55amg auto, 2003, silver metallic with grey leather sport seats, 67000 miles, £14950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**M-CLASS**, M1500 auto, 2002, blue metallic with beige leather, 28800 miles, £7850, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, polar silver metallic, 3000 miles, £15998, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**A150**, Elegance, 2008, silver, 8900 miles, £12290, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, Avantgarde SE Manual 3 DR Avantgarde SE, 2006, polar silver metallic, 33023 miles, £8990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, atos blue metallic, 43116 miles, £8990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, 3000 miles, £14498, Canterbury, 0845 481 6437 (TRADE)

**A150**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, cosmos black metallic, 22613 miles, £8994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, polar silver metallic, 5000 miles, £13994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A150**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, comet grey, metallic, 27871 miles, £8294, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 3500 miles, £13998, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**A160**, 5dr Classic SE, 2009, horizon blue metallic, 3000 miles, £16998, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**E220** CDI, 2009, iridium silver metallic, 520 miles, £29997, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**E220** CDI, Avantgarde, 2007, iridium silver, 26772 miles, £17998, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**C220** CDI, Sport, 2008, iridium silver metallic, 2816 miles, £24580, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E220** CDI, Avantgarde, 2007, iridium silver metallic, 6523 miles, £23998, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**E220** CDI, Avantgarde, 2008, grey metallic, 13410 miles, £19980, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E280** CDI, 2009, silver ,7000 miles, £28500, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E280** CDI, Executive SE, 2009, iridium silver metallic, 6000 miles, £28990, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**E280** CDI, 2009, cubanite silver metallic, 5000 miles, £25494, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E280** CDI, "REDUCED" 2009, iridium silver metallic, 5000 miles, £27498, Canterbury, 0845 481 6437 (TRADE)

**E280** CDI, Sport, 2008, obsidian black metallic, 10000 miles, £23990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E320** CDI, Sport, 2007, iridium silver metallic, 16800 miles, £23765, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

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**TF**, 2002, blue with half leather, 42000 miles, £3995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MINI

**COOPER**, 1.6, 2004, black metallic with black and beige two tone leath, 50000 miles, £7950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**MINI COOPER** 1.6 (120BHP) 3-DOOR HATCHBACK

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**COLT**, 1.3 C22 5dr \*Parking Sensors", gk58vgf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, cruise control, electric mirrors, locking wheel nuts, multi function steering wheel, remote locking, insurance group:5, black, 7500 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**COLT**, 1.3 C22 3dr, gk09nmw, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group:5, white, 6000 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**I-CAR**, 5dr Auto, gn57ua, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, colour coding body, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, tint glass, black, 14000 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**L200**, Double Cab 2.5 Td Trojan, e9j59ch, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, heated seats, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, navigation system, power assisted steering, remote locking, traction control, insurance group:19, blue, 21500 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.8 GS3 4dr CVT, b0z8fr, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:8, saving, blue, 6800 miles, £11995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 Elegance 4dr Auto, hv05rwl, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:3, silver, 10000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**SAVVY**, 1.2 Style 5dr, rx06cqx, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, red, 17500 miles, £4485, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**RENAULT**, 1.6 GLX Hatchback 5d 1586cc, 07/2007, keyless start a/con radio/cd player front fog lights reversing aid alloy wheels heated door mirrors, turquoise metallic, 2500 miles, £6995, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**PRIMERA**, Si, 1997, red, 0 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

**206**, hdi, 2002, grey, 0 miles, £3595, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**606**, GTi 2.0 16v, 2005, silver with charcoal leather, 28000 miles, £5495, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**606**, GTi 1.6 HDi 110ps, 2005, moonstone silver with black leather, 51000 miles, £5995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**207**, S 1.4 Hdi, 2006, grey metallic with charcoal trim, 46000 miles, £5995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**306**, lx, 2000, green, 0 miles, £1295, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**306**, lx, 2000, green, 50166 miles, £1895, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**406**, LX HDi 110 diesel cheap tax, 2001, silver, 147985 miles, £1595, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**406**, v6, 2000, silver, 0 miles, £1295, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PROTON

**SAVVY**, 1.2 Style 5dr, rx06cqx, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, red, 17500 miles, £4485, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 Elegance 4dr Auto, hv05rwl, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:8, saving, blue, 6800 miles, £11995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 Elegance 4dr Auto, hv05rwl, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:3, silver, 10000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**CLIO**, 1.2 16V Dynamique 3dr Air Conditioning, hv09jgy, adjustable seats, adjustable steering



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## WOMEN seeking men

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Young lady, 20, enjoys meals out, cinema and socialising with friends, WLTm a man, 20-30, with similar interests. Eastbourne Box 454247 ①

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 ①

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 ①

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522 ① ②

### NOT YOUR

### BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ①

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 23, WLTm white British male, 29-34, no lies, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 ①

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lovely female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5ft2, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ① ②

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, wltm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ① ②

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks lovely, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/looking out for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 ①

### LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ①

### SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right mate for LTR. Box 905614 ① ②

### CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

### ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 ①

### A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 ①

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### THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40, and I like going out, astrology, writing, and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453877 ①

### YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ① ②

### A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ① ②

### JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 ① ②

### PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 ①

### SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

### THE WIT TO WOOL!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks lovely, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 ①

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## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 885800 ①

### FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

### I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

### HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

### BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 ① ②

### SMILES, LAUGHTER AND FUN

Country girl, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long natural auburn colour hair, green eyes, seeks man for long term relationship, fun, smiles and good times! Battle. Box 878304 ① ②

### LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 ①

### YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 ①

### GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 ①

### THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

Lovely upbeat lady, 44, loves cinema, dancing and WLTm a non smoker who's that special someone to spend my life with. Maidstone. Box 454991 ①

### TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!

Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTm the right man for LTR. Box 880280 ① ②

### LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464

### THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ①

### STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ① ②

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 885800 ①

### YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 ① ②

### COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 454591 ①

### FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, -5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

### HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

### MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, seeks man for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship. Box 447986

### SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 ①

### ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

### HELP ME OPEN UP

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**WINNER:** Wayne Parnell (right) celebrates with Rob Key during the Spitfires' Twenty20 Cup quarter-final win

## Parnell aims to repay Kent with Twenty20 glory

### CRICKET

WAYNE Parnell hopes to repay the faith Kent have shown in him by guiding the Spitfires to their second Twenty20 Cup triumph later this month.

The 20-year-old South African all-rounder has been cleared to play for the Spitfires at Twenty20 finals day on August 15, after successful discussions with Cricket South Africa led by Kent director of cricket, Graham Ford.

Parnell, who took two wickets in the 56-run quarter-final victory against Durham Dynamos last Monday, will return to South Africa after Kent's Championship game against Derbyshire, which ended on Monday.

The impressive left-arm fast bowler, who is in his second stint at Canterbury this summer, is excited by the chance to feature at the Edgbaston Twenty20 finals day and is determined to help the Spitfires lift the trophy for a second time.

He said: "The fact Kent have asked me back again is really promising, we've built up a good relationship and I hope I can repay them by doing well for them again at finals day."

"I'm really happy and I'm pretty chuffed about the fact I will be playing at finals day."

"I have done pretty well since I have been at Kent in two different stints now and I am hoping to continue with that."

"Hopefully I can finish the day off and my time at Kent off with a trophy."

After a stunning performance with the ball on Monday last week in front of the biggest crowd at Canterbury's St Lawrence Ground since 1993, Parnell is eagerly anticipating another chance to impress in front of packed stands at Edgbaston.

He said: "The boys have told me it's the most amazing day so I am looking forward to it very much."

## Ferley back in action after knee surgery

AFTER two months out with a torn muscle on his right knee, bowler Rob Ferley made a return to action last week.

The left-arm spinner, 27, has had a stop start beginning to his second spell at the club after injury limited his pre-season preparations.

Ferley then suffered a small tear on his knee which required surgery.

The injury took longer to heal than expected and he made a return a second XI game last week.

The spinner, who re-signed for Kent from Nottinghamshire in the winter, played in the second team's draw with Gloucestershire at Cheltenham and is expected to step up his workload against Somerset at Beckenham this week.

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**DEMAND:** More Kent Spitfire fans may get chance to see their team in Twenty20 finals day action

## Spitfires in bid for extra finals tickets

AFTER a surge in sales, Kent are hopeful of receiving more tickets for Twenty20 Cup finals day at Edgbaston later this month.

The Spitfires have been handed just 1,400 for the showpiece event in Birmingham on August 15, although the county are hopeful they may be able to get some more if they sell their allocation.

Club chairman George Kennedy said: "I'm very disappointed about the number of tickets we have got but I know a lot of people have been buying them in advance."

"I am certainly hopeful that we will get some more that have come back from other counties."

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**COMING HOME:** Paul Farbrace (left) will take over from Graham Ford next season but will call upon the former director of cricket, who will still work with the club on a consultancy basis



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# Kent return too good to turn down, says Farbrace

### CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

FORMER Kent wicketkeeper Paul Farbrace turned down an extension to his contract as Sri Lanka's assistant coach to return to the county.

The 42-year-old replaces director of cricket Graham Ford, who has chosen not to return to Kent when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Farbrace, who takes over as head coach at Canterbury officially next season but will be with the squad from September 1, told this newspaper that a chance to be a first-team coach was too good an opportunity to turn down.

"They tried to make an attractive offer to keep me in Sri Lanka but for me the opportunity to be a first-team coach was too much, together with the lure of what Kent has to offer and to work with coaches at the club that I have previously," he said.

"It may look strange that I have come out of international cricket to go into county cricket, but it was all about making the right decision to help my career."

Although Ford departs at the end of the season to take over as head coach of South African state side Nashua Dolphins, Kent are optimistic the 48-year-old will still be available during the county season on a consultancy basis.

Having worked under Ford as director of Kent's Academy for two summers, Farbrace is eager to call on the experienced South African as and when he can.

"Graham Ford is a good man and I am glad that he is going to continue working with us," he said. "When I needed to make a decision about going to Sri Lanka he really helped and has been like a mentor to me. A big plus about this job is I will get to tap into his experience."

Farbrace, who was approached to take over at St Lawrence while he was in England with the Sri Lanka team during the ICC World Twenty20 in June, will join up with the squad next month.

He said: "It will be an opportunity to meet the players, take a look at the club's Academy youngsters and second-team players and decide if the squad needs strengthening for next summer."

The club are known to have put 28-day approaches in to speak to Leicestershire all-rounder Jim Allenby, Warwickshire bowler Naqaash Tahir and Worcestershire seamer Chris Whelan. The new head coach will have an input as to who will be arriving and departing after the summer.

He said: "I have been talking with Simon Willis and Graham Ford about players and have done for the past couple of weeks, and we have also talked about certain members of the playing staff."

"I will be involved with both of them seeing where we are at, who we need to bring in and if there any other areas in the club that need strengthening."

The new coaching structure at the club will see coach Simon Willis take up a new role as cricket operations and talent development manager, which means he will manage the county's second XI and help nurture more young players into the first-team.



# Rain puts dampener on Upchurch charge

Picture: ICOR KUPCO



**FRUSTRATION:** Division Three leaders Upchurch (batting) were forced to endure another rain-affected match

## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

RAIN decimated the Kent Cricket League's fixtures on Saturday, with the majority of games finishing early without a result.

It was an all too familiar story for Division Three leaders Upchurch, who have had four of their last six games ruined by the weather.

The home side were put into bat and lost Lee Taylor almost immediately. They bounced back with four batsmen making useful, if not decisive, contributions.

At 154 for 5 they were in a good position to post a competitive score in difficult conditions, but the tail failed to wag and Upchurch were dismissed for 170.

The hosts made a good start with the ball as Marc Bond took two wickets to help reduce High Halstow to 33 for 4. They were still in trouble when the rain arrived after 21 overs, depriving Upchurch of the chance to extend their now slim four-point lead.

The rain kept the status quo in Division One, with Lordswood a massive 47 points clear. They made 200 for 6 against The Mote, who were 31 for 1 when the game was brought to a halt.

Daniel Mason took three wickets for Rainham as Bexleyheath were restricted to 180 for 9 from their 50 overs in Division Four.

The weather intervened before a ball was bowled at the Rainham openers to keep the side fourth.

In the Feeder Leagues, Old Williamsons went 27 points clear in East 1B thanks to a thumping win against Sherwood. After bowling out their opponents for just 71, Old Williamsons got home inside 16 overs for an eight-wicket victory.

## Kent League Division Three

Upchurch 1st XI v

High Halstow 1st XI

## SCOREBOARD

### Upchurch

	Runs
Lee Taylor ct Laphorn b Tungate	2
Andrew Shirley lbw b Staple	36
Hai Pearson ct Barrett b Staple	35
Michael Hales Jnr ct Vegda b Vegda	22
Marc Bond ct Smith b Smith	39
Daniel Parker ct Vegda b Vegda	4
Adam Hodder ct Vegda b Vegda	6
Dean Headley ct Staple b Smith	3
Daniel Overbury not out	7
Craig Bewick ct Tungate b Smith	0
Tim Mullis ct Laphorn b Vegda	0

Extras (10b 4lb 1w 1nb).....16  
Total (all out, 45.3 overs).....170

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matthew Tungate	8	0	40	1
Alex Cross	5	0	15	0
Rupert Staple	15	2	45	2
Vivendra Vegda	14.3	0	47	4
Brett Smith	3	1	9	3

### High Halstow

	Runs
Benjamin Bowles run out	9
Brett Smith lbw b Bond	9
Steve Laphorn ct Bond b Bewick	6
Vivendra Vegda not out	16
Simon Morley ct Taylor b Bond	0
Luke Donnelly not out	3
Matthew Tungate did not bat	
Rupert Staple did not bat	
Jake Barrett did not bat	
Richard Laphorn did not bat	
Alex Cross did not bat	

Extras (5lb 2w).....7  
Total (4 wickets, 21 overs).....50

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Marc Bond	10	5	21	2
Craig Bewick	10	2	0	1
Tim Mullis	1	0	2	0

## FOOTBALL



Picture: ADY KERRY

**INJURED:** Kevin Maher is treated at Crystal Palace

## Payne in line to replace injured Gills midfielder

GILLINGHAM'S injury problems could see teenager Jack Payne handed a surprise first start when the League One season begins this weekend.

The 17-year-old has impressed in pre-season and is the favourite to play against Swindon at Priestfield this Saturday if Kevin Maher does not recover from a leg injury in time.

The veteran hobbled off early on in Sunday's 1-0 win against Crystal Palace, joining Stuart Lewis, Dennis Oli and Simon King on the sidelines.

While manager Mark Stimson was left frustrated by another injury to a key player, he has no qualms about playing Payne, who scored the only goal of the game at Selhurst Park.

### Improving

The Gills boss said: "To be honest he's put himself in the picture now for [Swindon] with that performance.

"I watched him a lot in the youth team last year and made him a pro as soon as he turned 17 because I rate him quite highly and he's improving all the time."

Payne, who made two substitute appearances last season, admitted a start against Swindon would be something to remember, although he was doing his best to keep his feet on the ground.

He said: "It would be great, but it's down to the gaffer so I'm not getting too excited. I've just got to get my head down in training and work hard."

Alan Julian looks set to start in goal for the Gills after last season's number one Simon Royce was forced to stay away from the squad after his son was diagnosed with swine flu.

Stimson is still holding out hope to bring in another striker before Saturday's big kick-off, with Charlton's Chris Dickson remaining top of his list. Midfielder Rashid Yussuff has now joined on a free transfer after agreeing to a one-year deal.

# Jackson shines for England against India

Picture: ADY KERRY



**CHANCE:** Ashley Jackson was in good form for England, netting four goals in two games against India in Birmingham

## HOCKEY

ASHLEY Jackson found his form in front of goal as he scored four goals in two games as England beat India in Birmingham.

The 21-year-old, from Chatham, scored twice on Sunday as England came from behind to win the deciding game in the three Test series 3-2.

India struck twice in the first 18 minutes to seize control at the University of Birmingham, but Jackson pulled a goal back before half-time with a powerful drag flick into the top corner from a set-piece.

The midfielder, who now plays his club hockey in the Netherlands with HGC, levelled from another penalty corner 15 minutes after the interval. Iain Mackay grabbed the winner six minutes from time.

The double came just two days after Jackson netted another brace in the second game. Again both came from penalty corners, but it failed to inspire England to victory as they threw away a 2-0 lead to lose 4-3. Despite the defeat, Sunday's victory gave Jason Lee's side an overall series win by virtue of a 3-1 triumph in the first game last Wednesday.

Jackson's feats took his international goalscoring tally to 15 from just 27 games for his country. Fitness permitting, the performances should have been more than enough to make the squad for the EuroHockey Nations Championships, which was due to be announced yesterday.

Jackson will hope to carry his form into next week's two friendlies against France, the final warm-up games before the tournament in Amsterdam begins on August 22.

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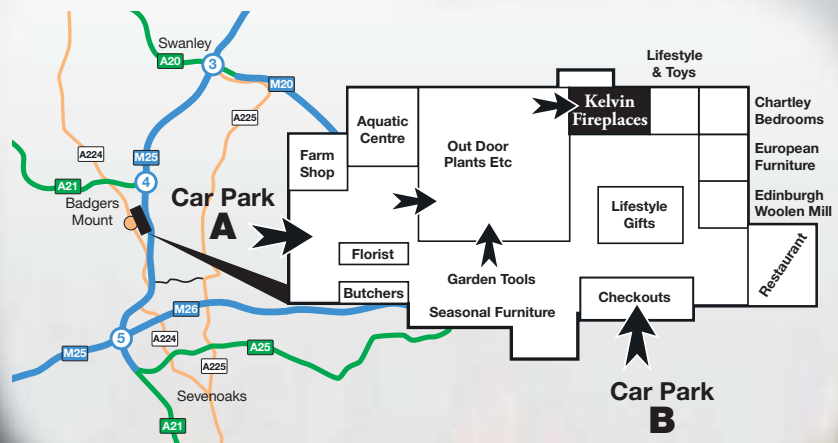
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